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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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EOPSS Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

2008-2009 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open Enrollment through August 2009

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of federal funds for high visibility traffic enforcement grants through September 2009. Funds are available for local police and campus police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled "Click It or Ticket" (from July 23-30) and "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest" (from August 14-September 7, 2009).

For more information: www.mass.gov/highwaysafety or contact Caroline Hymoff, Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3334 or Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us.

Drug Court Training Initiative

Application Deadline: August 28, 2009

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security is now accepting applications for funding for the Calendar Year 2010 Driving While Impaired (DWI) Court Training Initiative offered through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This national training initiative is designed to assist communities develop DWI Court Programs and is conducted in cooperation with the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC), a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Under this initiative, communities will be selected to participate in a facilitated planning process that will begin in March 2010.

For more information: www.mass.gov/highwaysafety (click on DWI Court Training Initiative) or contact Caroline Hymoff, Highway Safety Division at 617.725.3334 or Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us.

Other Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

Firefighter Assistance Grants

Application Deadline: July 10, 2009

The Department of Federal Emergency Management Agency has announced the availability of \$210 million available nationally for modifying, upgrading, or constructing non-Federal fire stations. Higher priority for grant funding will go to projects that fall into the following categories: projects in areas of the Country where unemployment is the highest; projects that are ready to begin shortly after the award is granted; projects that improve emergency response time and firefighter safety; projects that are environmentally friendly; conform to national consensus codes and standards; provide best value for cost and can be constructed within the proposed budget.

For more information: <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/>.

Predictive Policing Analytic and Evaluation Research Support

Application Deadline: July 13, 2009

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Office of Research and Evaluation seeks applications for funding to provide analytic and evaluation support, as well as independent evaluation services to applicants selected for funding in the planning phase of the Office of Science and Technology Predictive Policing program. Predictive policing includes strategies and tactics that improve the situational awareness of law enforcement concerning individuals or locations before criminal activity occurs.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000879.pdf>.

Methodological Research to Support the Redesign of the National Crime Victimization Survey: Screening Questions

Application Deadline: July 14, 2009

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) seeks applications to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the current and pre-redesign crime screening questions. This analysis will inform future questionnaire redesign efforts by providing an understanding of how the survey's crime screening process has operated. In order to develop improvements to the current crime screening strategy, it is necessary to fully understand how the current crime screening strategy operates. Ultimately it is the goal of BJS to redesign the NCVS to improve its methodology and better meet the challenges of measuring the extent, characteristics and consequences of criminal victimization as it exists today or may evolve in the future. For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/mrsncvssqsol.pdf>.

OVC FY09 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking

Application Deadline: July 16, 2009

The Office for Victims of Crime seeks applications for comprehensive victim services for pre-certified victims of human trafficking. Funding will be available to applicants in specific locations across the United States where the Bureau of Justice Assistance currently funds the law enforcement component of an existing Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force. The overall goals of this program are to (1) provide timely, high-quality comprehensive services to pre-certified minor and adult victims of severe forms of human trafficking, and (2) enhance interagency collaboration and coordination in the provision of services to such victims.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdftxt/FY09_Services_Victims_Human_Trafficking.pdf.

OVC FY09 Services for Domestic Minor Victims of Human Trafficking

Application Deadline: July 16, 2009

The Office for Victims of Crime seeks applications for a demonstration project to identify promising practices in the delivery of services to victims of human trafficking who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents under the age of 18. Specifically, the goals of this demonstration project are to: provide a comprehensive array of timely and high-quality services to victims of sex and labor trafficking who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents under the age of 18; develop, enhance, or expand the community response to domestic minor victims of all forms of human trafficking; and produce a final report about the implementation of the project that may be disseminated through OVC to the victims' field. While this project should primarily be dedicated to the provision of direct services to domestic minors in a specific jurisdiction, funding may also be dedicated to conducting outreach and training in communities where sex and labor trafficking may be found and building community capacity to address this issue.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdftxt/FY09_Services_Domestic_Minor_Victims.pdf.

Evaluation of the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN)

Application Deadline: July 20, 2009

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to evaluate the Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Program. Funding through this solicitation is intended to support a national evaluation (including state-level analyses of the SAVIN program) leading to a promising practices toolkit which will aid the continued development, implementation, and enhancement of comprehensive victim notification programs within individual States and territories. In addition to the evaluation focus, NIJ hopes to advance both theory and practice related to victims through this research.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000883.pdf>.

Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Relationships

Application Deadline: July 20, 2009

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding to support criminal justice researcher-practitioner collaborations. This solicitation is aimed at developing existing partnerships, establishing new partnerships, and capturing significant lessons that have been learned through past and current researcher-practitioner partnerships. NIJ intends to support research in the following three major areas related to new and ongoing criminal justice researcher-practitioner collaborations: past and current accounts of criminal justice researcher-practitioner partnerships; junior faculty grant program to promote criminal justice researcher-practitioner partnerships; and criminal justice researcher-practitioner fellowship placement program.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000884.pdf>.

Evaluation of OVC FY09 Services for Domestic Minor Victims of Human Trafficking

Application Deadline: July 27, 2009

The National Institute of Justice seeks applications to evaluate the Domestic Minor Victims of Human Trafficking Demonstration Program that will be awarded in FY09 by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). Specifically, the successful grantee will conduct a participatory process evaluation of two OVC demonstration programs that will be chosen based on their promising strategies to deliver a comprehensive array of services to child victims of human trafficking who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents.

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000885.pdf>.

Research and Publications

Arrest Related Deaths in Massachusetts

Under the Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-297) the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is mandated to report information "regarding the death of any person who is in the process of arrest, en route to be incarcerated, or is incarcerated at a municipal or county jail, state prison, or other local or state correctional facility (including a juvenile facility)..." The Research and Policy Analysis Division at EOPSS is responsible for collecting data on all deaths that occur in the process of arrest (or at the time the law enforcement officer comes into contact with the individual) and reporting this data to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. This report presents data on the circumstances of arrest-related deaths in Massachusetts between 2003 and 2008.

Access full text at: http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/eops/Publications/070209_arrest_related_deaths.pdf.

National Prison Rape Elimination Commission Report

Published by the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission, this report presents findings on the incidence and repercussions of sexual abuse in confinement, and offers policy and practice recommendations for resolving such a pervasive problem. Also included are recommendations for local government on how to support positive changes in the corrections system.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/226680.pdf>.

Juvenile Delinquency Probation Caseload, 2005

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention “fact sheet” provides an overview of delinquency cases resulting in probation in 2005. Data were generated from more than 2,100 jurisdictions, representing approximately 80% of the U.S. juvenile population.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/224536.pdf>.

Delinquency Cases in Juvenile Court, 2005

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention “fact sheet” provides an overview of national delinquency cases handled in juvenile courts between 1985 and 2005. As with the above mentioned report, this report uses data generated from more than 2,100 jurisdictions, representing 80% of the nation’s juvenile population.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/224538.pdf>.

Person Offense Cases in Juvenile Court, 2005

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention “fact sheet” provides an overview of person offense cases processed by juvenile courts in 2005. Statistics are based on an estimated 429,500 delinquency cases occurring across the nation in which the most serious charge was an offense against a person.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/224537.pdf>.

Delinquency Cases Waived to Criminal Court, 2005

This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention “fact sheet” provides an overview of petitioned delinquency cases waived to criminal court between 1985 and 2005. National estimate data were generated from the National Juvenile Court Data Archive.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/224539.pdf>.

Making Arrests in Domestic Violence Cases: What Police Should Know

This National Institute of Justice “IN short” examines data from the National Incident-Based Reporting System as well as a multi-state survey of police incident records. The report includes recommendations for law enforcement professionals and local government on conserving police resources, lowering dual arrest rates, and making arrests in domestic violence cases more effective.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/225458.pdf>.

Practical Implications of Current Domestic Violence Research: For Law Enforcement, Prosecutors and Judges

The National Institute of Justice published this report which presents an overview of research on domestic violence, including implications of research on the everyday responses to domestic violence incidents by law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and judges. The majority of research identified in this report is from NIJ funded studies and/or have been published in referred journals.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/225722.pdf>.

Improving Outcomes for People with Mental Illnesses under Community Corrections Supervision

Funded by the National Institute of Corrections and the MacArthur Foundation, The Council of State Governments Justice Center recently released this report which focuses on policymakers' commonly asked questions about people with mental illnesses under community corrections supervision. This guide includes various types of strategies, and their efficacy, and is divided into three sections: the extent and nature of the problem; strategies to improve outcomes for people with mental illnesses under community corrections supervision; and future research questions and implications for policy and practice.

Access full text at: <http://nicic.gov/Downloads/PDF/Library/023634.pdf>.

Law Enforcement Responses to People with Mental Illnesses

Funded by the MacArthur Foundation, The Council of State Governments Justice Center recently released this guide which summarizes the available research on law enforcement interactions with people with mental illness. The authors suggest strategies to improve these interactions and discuss gaps left by current research. This guide is divided into three sections: encounters between law enforcement and people with mental illnesses; specialized law enforcement strategies; and future research topics and implications for policy and practice.

Access full text at: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/CSG_le-research.pdf.

Conferences and Trainings

Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy: “A Model for the Nation”

July 26-31, 2009 in Beverly, MA

Sponsored by the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance, the Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy is a 40 hour week-long program designed to give early career victim service providers an in-depth understanding of crime victims' experiences across time and systems. Faculty will include victim service providers, academic leaders, and experts.

For more information: www.mass.gov/mova or contact Jamie Ramola at Jamie.ramola@state.ma.us.

National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA IV)

August 2-7, 2009 in Louisville, KY

Sponsored by the Office of Victims of Crime, this conference features education and skill-based classroom trainings for practitioners who assist victims and survivors of crime. There are three main tracks offered this year: Foundation-Level Training; Professional Skill-Building Institute; and the Leadership Institute.

For more information: <https://www.ovcttac.gov/nvaa/>.

2009 Conference on Safe and Drug-Free Schools

August 3-5, 2009 in National Harbor, MD

Sponsored by the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, the theme of the 2009 conference is “The Power of Change: Healthy Students, Safe Schools, and Engaged Communities.” The conference will focus on issues related to civic and character education, crisis planning, mental and physical health, substance abuse, and violence prevention. Specific topics include: research, evaluation, and survey findings; promising practices and strategies; training and skills building; technology; new trends; and resources.

For more information: <http://www.osdfsnationalconference.com/conferenceinfo.aspx> or <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osdfs/09confbrochure.pdf>.

2009 National Forum on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

August 9-11, 2009 in Bellevue, WA

Sponsored by the National Criminal Justice Association, the IJIS Institute, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, this conference will showcase programs and technologies aimed to help criminal justice practitioners and lawmakers address existing and impending public safety issues. Chief Gil Kierlokowske, director of the White House Office of Drug Control Policy and former chief of the Seattle Police Department, has been invited to give the Keynote Address.

For more information: <http://www.national-forum.net/>.

NIJ 10th Mapping Conference: Solving Problems with Geography and Technology

August 19-22, 2009 in New Orleans, LA

Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, the focus of the 10th annual Mapping Conference will be understanding crime and public safety using geography and technology. Workshops and plenary sessions will discuss traffic safety, neighborhood policy, the geographic aspects of sex offender residency restriction laws, and defining high crime areas. Preconference seminars on using ArcGIS will be held on August 17 and 18.

For more information: <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Custom.aspx?cid=17&e=c9e87fa2-759d-4bb3-a42d-91841ca7dfa2>.

News

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

Police Warn Gangs - In Person

***The Boston Globe*, June 9, 2009**

With shootings and gun arrests rising in the city's toughest neighborhoods, law enforcement officials met with members from 17 of the city's gangs, an unusual move meant to prevent bloodshed and put criminals on notice as summer approaches, reports *The Boston Globe*. During the 90-minute meeting at West Roxbury District Court, federal and county prosecutors warned the nearly 50 purported gang members attending that they could face lengthy sentences in federal prison if they continued on a path of violence. Religious leaders spoke of the trauma that violence can inflict on a community and families. The goal, said law enforcement officials, was to make sure the gang members would tell their friends what they heard.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/06/09/police_warn_gangs_in_person/.

Even Small Localities Got Big Guns

***The Boston Globe*, June 15, 2009**

According to *The Boston Globe*, 82 local police departments in Massachusetts have obtained more than 1,000 weapons over the last 15 years under a federal program that distributes surplus guns from the US military. Now, new information identifies which communities received the weapons: they range from small towns like Hamilton, Marblehead, and Wayland to more populous communities like Worcester, Framingham, and Revere. Many of the departments said they were taking advantage of free weaponry in the event they might need it to ward off terrorists or stop a shooting rampage.

Access full text: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/06/15/details_emerge_on_distribution_of_military_weapons_in_mass/.

Report Calls for Overhaul of Drug Crime Policies

***The Boston Globe*, June 19, 2009**

The Massachusetts Bar Association, in a wide-ranging report released recently, called for the overhaul and reexamination of law enforcement efforts to combat drug use and the penalties nonviolent drug users face under current laws, according to *The Boston Globe*. The report, titled “The Failure of the War on Drugs: Charting a New Course for the Commonwealth,” says its recommendations could save the state \$25 million annually through reduced minimum sentencing and the parole of nonviolent drug offenders. In the short term, the report calls for reformulation of mandatory minimum sentences linked to drug crimes in school zones, diversion programs for nonviolent offenders with drug addiction, and more opportunities for work-release, parole, and “good conduct” credit. Long-term goals include increasing addiction treatment programs, the reformulation of educational programs, and a better utilization of parole programs.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/06/19/report_calls_for_overhaul_of_drug_crime_policies/.

Attorney General Coakley Warns Massachusetts Needs New Regulations and Criminal Laws Before Legalizing Casinos

***The Republican*, June 29, 2009**

The Republican recently reported that the state's top law enforcement official warned legislators that Massachusetts is unprepared for expanded gambling and needs an extensive overhaul of regulations and criminal laws if it legalizes casinos. During testimony at a special legislative hearing on gaming, Attorney General Martha M. Coakley said it would be irresponsible to approve casinos without new regulations, criminal laws and tools already in place. The state would need to create a separate regulatory entity for enforcement and oversight of casinos with rules to insulate it from political pressures, she said. While casinos come with the promise of state revenues and jobs, the state also needs to account for costs of regulation and oversight, law enforcement, public health and consumer protection, she said.

Access full text at: http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2009/06/casino_picture_has_pros_and_co.html?category=Casinos&category=Politics.

Announcement

Recovery Act: STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

On March 24, 2009, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of the Commonwealth. Once the award is secured, EOPSS will make funding available in the form of grants. EOPSS will announce relevant details in the weeks to come. Please continue to monitor the EOPSS website for information and announcements.

Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program, State

On April 9, 2009, EOPSS submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of the Commonwealth. Funding will be available to local law enforcement agencies through a competitive grant process to help address the impact on local public safety resulting from staffing reductions. Please continue to monitor the EOPSS website for information and announcements.

State Fiscal Stabilization Funds

The Governor has committed a portion of the *State's Fiscal Stabilization Funding* to support fire departments across the Commonwealth to address the impact on local safety resulting from staffing reductions. The availability of funds to the Commonwealth will be determined upon federal review of the Commonwealth's application. The Commonwealth will make funding available to local departments through a competitive grant process. Please continue to monitor the EOPSS website for information and announcements.

Adult Sexual Assault Law Enforcement Guidelines 2009

The Secretary of Public Safety, on behalf of Governor Patrick and Lieutenant Governor Murray, recently announced the Massachusetts Adult Sexual Assault Law Enforcement Guidelines. The Guidelines are designed to be a comprehensive document that will help guide law enforcement personnel in their investigations of sexual assaults and provide critical resources necessary to ensure a comprehensive response to victims. The Guidelines are being distributed broadly to encourage a statewide uniform response to sexual assault investigations.

Access full text at: http://www.mass.gov/Eeops/docs/eops/Publications/2009_SA_Final_6-9-09.pdf.

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